

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A solid formulation for implantation, which comprises one of particle combinations, which is selected from a group consisting of (a), (b) and (c), as well as a carrier comprising a hydrophobic polymer, wherein the particle combination is dispersed into the carrier:

(a) a particle combination which comprises particles comprising an active ingredient, particles comprising a carbonate, and particles comprising a substance which is reacted with the carbonate in an aqueous solution to generate carbon dioxide;

(b) a particle combination which comprises particles comprising an active ingredient and a carbonate, and particles comprising a substance which is reacted with the carbonate in an aqueous solution to generate carbon dioxide; and

(c) a particle combination which comprises particles comprising a carbonate, and particles comprising an active ingredient and a substance which is reacted with the carbonate in an aqueous solution to generate carbon dioxide.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the formulation is a cured formulation.

7. (New) A formulation for implantation, which comprises one of particle combinations, which is selected from a group consisting of (a), (b) and (c), as well as a carrier comprising a hydrophobic polymer, wherein the particle combination is dispersed into the carrier, and wherein the formulation has a shape selected from the group consisting of cylindrical, prismatically cylindrical, cylindroid, tabular, and spherical shape:

(a) a particle combination which comprises particles comprising an active ingredient, particles comprising a carbonate, and particles comprising a substance which is reacted with the carbonate in an aqueous solution to generate carbon dioxide;

(b) a particle combination which comprises particles comprising an active ingredient and a carbonate, and particles comprising a substance which is reacted with the carbonate in an aqueous solution to generate carbon dioxide; and

(c) a particle combination which comprises particles comprising a carbonate, and particles comprising an active ingredient and a substance which is reacted with the carbonate in an aqueous solution to generate carbon dioxide.

8. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 1, 6 or 7, wherein the active ingredient comprises a slightly soluble ingredient, or an insoluble ingredient.

9. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 8, wherein the insoluble ingredient comprises a live vaccine, or an inactivated vaccine.

10. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 1, 6 or 7, wherein the hydrophobic polymer comprises a non-biodegradable polymer.

11. (New) The formulation claimed in claim 10, wherein the hydrophobic polymer comprises silicone.